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1. THE MAIN GDR OFFICIALS HANDLING CSCE MATTERS
ARE AMBASSADOR SIEGFRIED BOCK AND HIS DEPUTY MR.
ERNST KRABATSCH, BOTH IN THE POLICY PLANNING DIVISION
(HAUPTABTEILUNG GRUNDSATZFRAGEN UND PLANUNG) OF THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BOTH HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE GDR
CSCE DELEGATION IN GENEVA. KRABATSCH MOVED INTO
THE DEPUTY POSITION IN FEBRUARY 1976 REPLACING
DR. HERMANN SCHWIESAU WHO IS CURRENTLY GDR AMBASSADOR
TO FINLAND.

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2. THE GDR HAS A QUASI-OFFICIAL COMMITTEE ON
EUROPEAN SECURITY WHICH APPEARS TO DEAL MAINLY WITH
PUBLICIZING CSCE IN THE GDR. THE GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE COMMITTEE IS DR. STEFAN DOERNBERG, FORMER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GDR'S INSTITUTE FOR POLITICS
AND ECONOMICS (IPW). ACCORDING TO RECENT INFORMATION
FROM AN EAST GERMAN SOURCE, DOERNBERG IS ABOUT TO

BE NOMINATED TO HEAD ANOTHER GDR ACADEMIC GROUP, THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IIB) AT POTSDAM BUT IS EXPECTED TO RETAIN HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF THE GDR'S COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AS WELL. IN HIS WORK WITH THE COMMITTEE, DOERNBERG FREQUENTLY TRAVELS TO WESTERN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY, TO BRUSSELS FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS WITH SIMILAR COMMITTEES FROM OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

3. WE ARE SEEKING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MR. KRABATSCH AND WILL FORWARD IT AS SOON AS RECEIVED. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON BOCK AND DOERNBERG IS GIVEN BELOW. THERE ARE NO OTHER GDR GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CSCE MATTERS AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

4. BIOGRAPHY OF BOCK: BORN 1926, ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE SED. HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 1950 AND HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEGAL AND TREATIES SECTION OF THE MINISTRY DURING HIS ENTIRE CAREER. HE BECAME LEADER OF THE DIVISION FOR POLICY PLANNING IN 1968, A POSITION WHICH HE STILL HOLDS. IN 1959 BOCK SERVED AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE GENEVA MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GDR DELEGATION TO CSCE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA FROM NOVEMBER 1972 THROUGH JUNE 1973.

5. BIOGRAPHY OF DOERNBERG: BORN IN 1924 AND WAS EDUCATED, PARTLY IN THE SOVIET UNION, AS AN HISTORIAN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOERNBERG'S FATHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY (KPD) WHO EMIGRATED WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1935. DOERNBERG WAS A LIEUTENANT IN THE SOVIET ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. FOLLOWING THE WAR HE JOINED THE SOCIAL UNITY PARTY AND WAS ACTIVE AS A JOURNALIST IN EAST BERLIN UNTIL 1950. DOERNBERG HELD THE CHAIR FOR HISTORY AT THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE FROM 1955 THROUGH 1962. DOERNBERG WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE IPW FROM 1962 TO 71 AND HAS PUBLISHED TWO BOOKS ON THE HISTORY OF THE GDR. POLANSKY

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